

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

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### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image processing apparatus for processing image data including: appending information generating unit for receiving image data and generating an appending information based on contents of the image data; correlativity judgment unit for judging correlativity between the received image data and another image data, including the appending information based on the appending information; and correlativity information assignment unit for assigning correlativity information indicating the correlativity to both the received image data and the other image data.